

Pedro Nava

ASSEMBLY MEMBER 35TH DISTRICT



Assemblymember Pedro Nava (*D-Santa Barbara*) took office to represent the 35th Assembly District on December 6, 2004. The 35th District includes the cities of Buellton, Carpinteria, Goleta, Oxnard, Santa Barbara, Ventura, and Solvang. He currently serves as Chair of the Assembly Budget Subcommittee Number 5 on Information Technology/Transportation. Pedro also serves on the Assembly Budget, Higher Education, Insurance, Natural Resources, and Joint Legislative Audit and Budget Committees. Additionally, Pedro sits on the Assembly Select Committee on Gun Violence Prevention, the Select Committee on Ports, and the Select Committee on Wine. Recently, Pedro was selected by Assembly Speaker Fabian Núñez to serve on: the Joint Committee on Emergency Services and Homeland Security as Vice Chair; the California Ocean Protection Council, which is charged with coordinating and improving protection and management of California's ocean and coastal resources; and the Little Hoover Commission, an independent state oversight agency that works to promote economy, efficiency, and improved services in the transaction of the public business.

Born in 1948, and residing in Santa Barbara, Pedro grew up and attended public schools in Southern California. He is a strong supporter of public education. He studied at San Bernardino Community College, graduated from San Bernardino State, and obtained his law degree from the University of California, Davis, Martin Luther King Jr. Hall, School of Law.

After graduation from law school, he worked in job training programs for the economically disadvantaged in Fresno. Pedro later became a Deputy District Attorney in the Fresno County DA's Office, involved in Targeted Narcotics Prosecution; headed up the county-wide Drug Crime Task Force; was a Board member of the Fresno Rape Crisis Center; and was President of the Fresno Community College President's EOP&S Advisory

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Committee. In 1985, he joined the Santa Barbara DA's office where, for a time, he was assigned to the Consumer/Business Law Section. Since 1987, Pedro has been a civil litigator, primarily representing nurses and health care practitioners.

In 1997, Pedro was appointed by now Lt. Governor Cruz Bustamante to the California Coastal Commission. He was re-appointed three times by State Senator John Burton. With the highest coastal resource protection voting record based on an analysis by the Sierra Club and League for Coastal Protection, the Santa Barbara Chapter of the California League of Conservation Voters named him an "Environmental Hero."

Pedro has a long history of community involvement, having served as the President of the Board of Trustees of the Santa Barbara and Ventura Colleges of Law, President of the Santa Barbara Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Board Member of the Santa Barbara Women Lawyers, Trustee of the Santa Barbara Museum of Art, and a long time member of the Santa Barbara Jewish-Latino Roundtable. Pedro received the first Women's Economic Ventures "Man of Equality" award.

Pedro is married to Susan Jordan, co-founder of the California Coastal Protection Network (CCPN) and Vote The Coast. She previously served as the Chair of the Santa Barbara County Planning Commission. They are the parents of Jedd, a Dos Pueblos High School student. They live in Santa Barbara.

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